

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBA
THOMPSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Alba Thompson, who passed away on January 2, 2013.

Alba experienced a great deal throughout her ninety-four years. Born in Plymouth, August 13, 1918, Alba was a truly distinguished woman, graduating from college at a time when higher education was not an option for many women. In her lifetime, Alba went on to receive five advanced degrees.

Education was not Alba's only pursuit, and she embarked on a distinguished military career at the onset of World War II. In 1942, Alba was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. By the time she separated from active duty, she had achieved the rank of Major and had been awarded seven ribbons for her dedicated service.

Alba's studies and military service brought her to countless places throughout the world, but she returned home to serve her local community, being elected to the Plymouth Board of Selectmen. She was the beloved wife of Loren Thompson, and together they raised two sons.

I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Alba Thompson for her many years of service to her country.

TEMPORARY INCREASE IN BORROWING AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 4, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bipartisan legislation on the floor today that will provide much needed relief for my constituents. H.R. 41 will replenish the National Flood Insurance Fund, which would otherwise run out of funds and be unable to pay out claims next week. That would be simply unacceptable for the homeowners and businesses that I represent who have already gone through so much.

New Yorkers were devastated by Hurricane Sandy and we are just beginning to recover. I am glad that the House Republican leadership has responded to the bipartisan outcry for action to help families, businesses and communities in my district. We must act swiftly on the remaining federal resource needs for the Sandy victims.

We all can agree that this recovery needs to be bold and it needs to be implemented quickly—and that's what we are working on. To-

gether, both sides of the aisle from the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Congressional delegations have come together to address this immediate and urge need to meet the needs of flood insurance claims by all of our constituents.

FEMA has said there are a total of 120,000 flood insurance claims payments that will be delayed until Congress increases the borrowing authority for the program—of which 115,000 are related to Superstorm Sandy. Any delay is unacceptable and that is why I urge swift passage of this bill and prompt action in the Senate.

I implore my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill. We simply need to help my constituents and allow all of those who have been devastated by this storm to move forward with their lives and rebuild stronger than ever.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN C. HAMMERSLOUGH

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and outstanding community leader, John Hammerslough.

His passing marks the end of an era in Weston, Connecticut and the loss of a dear friend to many across Connecticut.

John was a fixture in Weston's civic community for half a century, died on January 2 after a brief illness. He was 84 years old and had lived in Weston with his wife Nancy since 1959.

John understood the importance of serving the public and at one point or another he was a member of Weston's Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, the Police Commission, among other roles, and was active in local, state and national political campaigns. Along with his wife, he was named "Democrat of the Year" in 2009 by the Democratic Town Committee, and the town of Weston proclaimed May 11, 2009, as "John and Nancy Hammerslough Day."

John Hammerslough was a pioneer in the emerging field of computer-driven analysis of financial securities. His role as director of computer research at Shields & Co. was unusual enough at the time that The New York Times profiled him and "his electronic computer" in June 1967. The computer, the article noted, "is no bigger than an office desk."

John Hammerslough was born in New York City in 1928, the son of Charles R. Hammerslough, a clothier and sometime theatrical producer, and the former Sylvia Rittenberg. He attended the Bronx School of Science and the Taft School, and graduated from Brown University.

After college, he entered the army and served in the Korean War, first as an infantry-

man and later as a public information officer. The experience spurred him in later years to speak out against American involvement in Vietnam and, more recently, against the invasion of Iraq.

Although Mr. Hammerslough was involved in the financial securities business for nearly half a century, he did not immediately go to work on Wall Street as a young man. Rather, his experience as a writer and audio producer for the army during the Korean War led him to join CBS as part of its fledgling television news operation.

After a stint in the news business, he returned to school to do post-graduate work in mathematics at New York University, which led him to Wall Street, where his specialty was the use of computer analysis for valuing securities. His group at Shields & Co. operated the first computer at a Wall Street firm dedicated solely to investment research. He continued to focus on computer-assisted financial research through the 1970s.

Of his work, Mr. Hammerslough told the New York Times in 1967: "The computer is suggestive rather than dictatorial. It's loaded with technique, but it has no judgment. The machine, therefore, represents an extension of our intelligence."

Since the early 1980s, Mr. Hammerslough worked as a financial expert in litigation support, providing advice and testimony in more than 1,000 matters involving securities and alleged violations of securities law.

A devoted Westonite, he was a familiar figure not only at Town Hall but also at the town center, where he could be seen most mornings drinking coffee with friends and talking politics and sports, at holiday parades and celebrations, where he sold ice cream and handed out buttons for the Democratic Party, and along the roads near his home, where he enjoyed walking his beloved dog.

I join all of his friends and colleagues in extending my deepest sympathies to John's wife Nancy, his son, Charles, daughter, Jane, and four grandchildren Phin, Alex, Zach and Shira.

RECOGNIZING BRILLO

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brillo, based in London, Ohio, for its centennial year as one of the world's most trusted and prominent household cleaning brands.

On January 31, 1913, the Brillo Manufacturing Company was born when a cookware peddler and a jeweler partnered with an attorney in New York and patented their idea for cleaning blackened aluminum pots and pans. 100 years later, Brillo is celebrating its 100th anniversary with the 55 employees who make it possible for the company to continue providing household cleaning products made right here in the United States of America.

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Brillo turns 100 this month because of the hard work, commitment, and creativity that has gone into this company throughout the years by the employees and innovators who call Ohio's 15th District their home. Again, I offer my sincere congratulations to Brillo on its 100 years and I wish the company many years of success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF OSVALDO
LOVERME, MARIE TORNIALI AND
CONNIE VARIO

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Osvaldo LoVerme, Marie Torniali, and Connie Vario, who are being honored for their distinguished service to the community by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club. The Taminent Club is celebrating its 81st Annual Dinner Dance this month in Astoria, Queens.

In recognition of his lifetime commitment to civic engagement, Osvaldo "Ozzie" LoVerme is being honored with the "Ralph DeMarco Award." Mr. LoVerme is the President of Teamsters Union Local 808. His career began in 1973 working for ConRail Railroad, and throughout his career, he has proved himself to be a trusted advocate for co-workers and union members. His dedication to the labor movement and his tireless efforts to protect workers and their families earned him the position as leader of the Teamsters Local 808. Mr. LoVerme has a strong presence in the community, serving on many cultural and civic organizations in his hometown of Astoria. He is the Vice President of the Astoria Homeowners, Tenants & Business Civic Association and Vice President of the Associazione Siciliani Uniti of New York. Mr. LoVerme came to Astoria from Sicily in 1968, and has always stayed connected to his Italian heritage as a member of many Italian cultural organizations. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Marie and loving father to his son, Vinny.

Marie Torniali is receiving the "Community Service Award" for her dedication to her neighborhood and service to others in the community. Ms. Torniali attended high school in Astoria after arriving in the United States from France as a child. She is currently the Executive Director of the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition, where she has worked since 1979, and the Steinway Astoria Partnership. She also serves as a Board Member of Community Board 1. Previously, Ms. Torniali was the manager of the Steinway Street Business Improvement District. Her dedication to the security of the neighborhood of Astoria has earned her the 114th Civilian Observation Patrol (Civ-OP) Walter Michie Award, the Women of Distinction Award, and the New York Anti-Crime's Eternal Vigilance Award. She is also deeply devoted to her husband, Pietro, their daughter, Tanya, and son-in-law, John.

Connie Vario is being honored as a Lifetime Member of Taminent Democratic Club. She has been an active member of the Taminent Women's Regular Democratic Club for over 30 years. Ms. Vario devotes her time to volunteer work through Immaculate Conception parish,

for which she works at the Church's Homeless Shelter, and is a member of the Rosarian Society. Since moving to Astoria with her husband Nicholas in 1954, Ms. Vario has been dedicated to serving her community and her neighbors. Mr. and Ms. Vario are loving parents to their three children, Patrick, Margaret, and Maria.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary contributions that Osvaldo LoVerme, Marie Torniali, and Connie Vario have made to the community of Astoria. Their lifetimes of service and dedication to civic life have greatly benefited their neighborhood and the city of New York.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFREY
LEFLEUR

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeffrey LeFleur as he retires from the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association.

The Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association, known as the CCCGA to its members, is one of the oldest farmer associations in the United States. Since 1888, this organization has been working diligently to enhance the economic viability of local Massachusetts cranberry farmers. Jeffrey has been this organization's Executive Director for the past twenty years, and he has led the association through many years of growth and prosperity. In particular, Jeffrey has spearheaded CCCGA's popular "Be the Grower" program, which gives interested people the opportunity to wade into Plympton's cranberry bogs and to assist with the yearly harvest. This program attracts visitors from around the world, and it has been extremely beneficial to the local Massachusetts tourism industry. Its popularity was recently highlighted in The Boston Globe as a unique activity that all can enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, as the cofounder of the Congressional Cranberry Caucus, it brings me great pride to recognize Jeffrey LeFleur upon his retirement from the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association. His many years of work and dedication to the association were crucial in leading it to become the successful organization that it is today. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Jeffrey for all that he has given to his community.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY CA-
REER OF JUDGE JOHN M.
STUARD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of an exemplary public servant, Judge John M. Stuard. After nearly five decades of service, Judge Stuard has retired with distinction from the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas in Warren, Ohio.

Judge Stuard earned his undergraduate degree from Thiel College and went on to earn

his Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky. After law school, he practiced law while serving as a solicitor in Newton Falls and the Village of Orangeville. He then became a prosecutor and practiced criminal defense in Warren Ohio. In 1983, he was appointed to the Central District Court in Cortland and later to the Common Pleas bench in 1991.

Judge Stuard is affectionately known as a gentleman's gentleman, he recognizes that his judgment needs to hold people accountable for their actions, yet must not lose touch with the utility of punishment. While not on the bench, Judge Stuard is a member of the Hartford Optimists, Trumbull Farm Bureau, Conservation Club and he is an avid Civil War enthusiast.

I want to extend my warmest thanks to Judge John M. Stuard for his life's devotion to serving the people of Trumbull County. His long and illustrious career will not be forgotten and I would like to wish him congratulations and all the best in his well-deserved retirement. The city of Warren and Trumbull County will forever be indebted to Judge John M. Stuard for his lifelong public service.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUTS
AVERY AND COLIN HUBBARD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Avery and Colin Hubbard of Troop 1012 in Mason City, Iowa for each achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. Avery and Colin completed their projects at Lime Creek Nature Center by constructing numerous bird houses, placing fire pits, and clearing brush. The work ethic Avery and Colin have shown in their Eagle Projects, and every other project leading up to their Eagle Scout ranks, speaks volumes of their commitment to serving a cause greater than themselves and assisting their community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these young men and their supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating the Hubbard brothers on obtaining their Eagle Scout ranking, and I wish them continued success in their future education and career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing a floor vote on Monday, January 14,

2013. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted: (1) "yea" on rollcall 9, on approving the journal; and (2) "nay" on rollcall 10, on motion to adjourn.

**MCGOVERN WAS A POLITICIAN
WHO NEVER LOST HIS SOUL**

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, after Senator George McGovern's passing last October, Colman McCarthy wrote a wonderful tribute about this man of peace.

I would like to submit his article. I urge all my colleagues to continue to work for the causes so dear to Senator McGovern's heart.

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**MCGOVERN WAS A POLITICIAN WHO NEVER
LOST HIS SOUL**

(By Colman McCarthy)

On the Wednesday afternoon in early November 1972 after his defeat the day before by Richard Nixon for the presidency, George McGovern and his wife, Eleanor, arrived at Washington's National Airport. The loss had been nearly total, with McGovern, a liberal populist Democrat from South Dakota, winning only Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

By chance, his running mate, Sargent Shriver, was arriving at the same time from another plane. They came upon each other in the main concourse. Seeing a dejected McGovern, with his wife in tears about losing their home state, Shriver offered a powerful consoling line: "George, we may have lost the election but we certainly didn't lose our soul."

Within three years, Nixon, a scheming and deceitful politician who spared nothing in his depiction of McGovern as an unpatriotic ultraliberal, would resign in disgrace over the Watergate scandal.

At his death in late October 2012, McGovern remained in full possession of the soul-force that marked a political career that began in the House of Representatives in 1956 and ended in the Senate in 1980. I recall a conversation once when he laughed about Republicans' portrait of him as a wild leftist, wondering how he managed to win House and Senate races in South Dakota, one of the country's most conservative states. His liberalism knew a boundary or two. He had little regard for the showmen of the 1960s antiwar movement—from Abbie Hoffman to Jerry Rubin—and saw them as ineffectual clowns.

McGovern's passions ranged from opposition to the Vietnam War to advocating for nutrition programs for the hungry in this country and abroad. He advocated for small farmers as they saw their lands swallowed by corporate agribusiness. He stood with the tribal nations, a stance so firm that the Oglala Sioux of South Dakota called him "the Great White Eagle."

McGovern first visited South Vietnam in late 1965, a visit that confirmed his hunch that the war was doomed. The year before, he voted in favor of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which gave a pass to President Lyndon Johnson to escalate the war after an attack by North Vietnam on an American patrol boat—an attack that never happened. It was a vote McGovern would eventually be ashamed of missing the chance to join Wayne Morse and Ernest Gruening as the only two members of the Senate to say no.

Perhaps to compensate for the lapse, McGovern became the strongest antiwar voice in the Senate. His military record of personal bravery—he flew more than 30 high-risk bombing missions in the Second World War—gave him credibility. In a Sept. 1, 1970, floor debate on his amendment, co-sponsored with Mark Hatfield, to end the war, McGovern said:

Every senator in this chamber is partly responsible for sending 50,000 young Americans to an early grave. This chamber reeks of blood. Every senator here is partly responsible for that human wreckage at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval [hospitals] and all across our land—young men without legs, or arms, or genitals, or faces, or hopes. There are not very many of these blasted and broken boys who think this war is a glorious adventure. Do not talk to them about bugging out, or national honor, or courage. It does not take any courage at all for a congressman, or a senator, or a president to wrap himself in the flag and say we are staying in—Vietnam, because it is not our blood that is being shed. But we are responsible for those young men and their lives and their hopes.

The grandson of Irish immigrants and the son of a Methodist pastor, McGovern suffered tragedy in his personal life. The story is told in Terry: My Daughter's Life-and-Death Struggle With Alcoholism, Published in 1996, two years after Teresa McGovern, 45, froze to death in a snowbank in Madison, Wis., after a night of drinking, it is the most soulful of his half-dozen books: a lovingly written work blended with self-therapy and spirituality.

My last visit with McGovern came a few years ago when he spoke on a Sunday afternoon to a small gathering at a civic center in the Friendship Heights neighborhood of Chevy Chase, Md. I brought Shriver to the talk. It was a touching reunion of the two former running mates. Shriver, sinking slowly into Alzheimer's disease, had no memory of McGovern, much less of their campaigning decades ago. But the two, both giants of service and goodness, embraced each other with deep affection, leaving me and other on-lookers to wonder what kind of country we might have become if the election of 1972 had gone the other way. A more humane country? A country at peace with the world? A country loved globally for its generosity, not hated or feared for its belligerence?

Little time was needed for wondering about the obvious answers to those questions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall vote on January 14, 2013 and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 8: "yes"; rollcall No. 9: "yes"; and rollcall No. 10: "no".

**CONGRATULATING THE GROVE
CITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING
BAND**

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Grove City High School

Marching Band on receiving the top honors in the Fiesta Bowl Band Championship. The band earned six awards total, including the grandmaster's trophy for the field competition and grand champion for the parade contest.

The marching band was among nine in the country participating in the national competition at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. Grove City has won more than 80 grand champion awards in regional and national competitions in the past 25 years.

Again, I congratulate the Grove City High School Marching Band on all of its success. I am proud of all the hard work and dedication that has led to the band's great accomplishments.

**WARM GREETINGS AND RECOGNITION
OF EDWARD I. KOCH, 3-
TERM MAYOR OF NEW YORK
CITY ON HIS 88TH BIRTHDAY**

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, Ed Koch is a great American lawyer, politician, and political commentator. He served 8 years in the House of Representatives and 12 as mayor of New York City.

Koch was born in The Bronx and raised in Newark. In World War II, he served in the European theater of war, earned two Battle Stars as a Combat Infantryman and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant in 1946. Returning to New York, he attended City College and NYU School of Law, receiving his law degree in 1948. He was a sole practitioner before serving as a partner with Koch, Lankenau, Schwartz & Kovner.

Koch became active in city and Democratic party politics as a reformer and opponent of Tammany Hall and Tammany leader Carmine DeSapio, whom he twice defeated for Democratic Party leader for the district which included Greenwich Village. He served on the New York City Council from 1967 to 1969 and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1969 to 1977, before running for Mayor of the City of New York.

During the 1960s, Koch opposed the Vietnam war and marched in the South for civil rights. As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, he advocated for a greater U.S. role in advancing human rights and became a target of attempted assassination by DINA, the Chilean secret police after proposing the cut-off of U.S. foreign aid to the right-wing government of Uruguay. He first rose to city-wide prominence as a result of his opposition to a controversial attempt by then Mayor John Lindsay to place a 3,000-person housing project in a middle-class community, a move which, at the time, shocked many of his political associates.

In 1977, Koch defeated incumbent Abe Beame, renowned feminist Bella Abzug and now former governor Mario Cuomo, in the NYC Mayoral Democratic primary, and went on to win the mayoralty. In 1981 he won reelection with 75% of the vote, running on both the Democratic and Republican Party lines. In 1982, Koch ran unsuccessfully for Governor of New York, losing the primary to then Lieutenant Governor Mario Cuomo.

As mayor, Koch often deviated from the conventional liberal line, strongly supporting the death penalty and taking a hard line on "quality of life" issues, such as giving police broader powers in dealing with the homeless and favoring (and signing) legislation banning the playing of radios on subways and buses. These positions prompted harsh criticism from many proponents of civil rights.

In 1984 Koch published his first memoir, *Mayor*, a best-seller that was turned into an Off-Broadway musical. In 1985, he won reelection on the Democratic and Independent tickets with 78% of the vote. In 1986, Mayor Koch surprised many by signing a lesbian and gay rights ordinance after backing his Health Department's decision to shut down the city's gay bathhouses in 1985 in response to the spread of AIDS.

In 1987, when the New York Giants won Super Bowl XXI, he refused to grant a permit for the team to hold their victory parade in the "Canyon of Heroes," quipping, "If they want a parade, let them parade in front of the oil drums in Moonachie," a town near the Meadowlands Sports Complex in New Jersey, where the Giants play.

In his third term, Koch suffered a stroke while in office, but continued with his duties. Koch became a controversial figure in the 1988 presidential campaign for criticizing Jesse Jackson for alleged anti-Semitism and stating that Jews would be "crazy" to vote for Jackson. In 1989, he ran for a fourth term as Mayor, but lost the Democratic primary to David Dinkins, who went on to defeat Rudy Giuliani in the general election.

In the years following his mayoralty, Koch became a partner in the law firm of Bryan Cave LLP and became a commentator on politics, movies and restaurants for newspapers, radio and television. He also became an adjunct professor at New York University (NYU) and a visiting professor at Brandeis University.

In 2008, Koch announced that he had secured a burial plot in the only graveyard in Manhattan accepting new burials, stating, "I don't want to leave Manhattan, even when I'm gone. This is my home. The thought of having to go to New Jersey was so distressing to me." On March 23, 2011, the New York City Council voted to rename the Queensboro Bridge as the "Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 88th birthday of Ed Koch, an independent thinker, an outstanding leader and the quintessential New Yorker.

**COMMENDING DOUG CHRISTOPHER
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
DISTRICT COUNCIL 16 OF THE
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF
PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES**

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the career of Doug Christopher who is retiring this month as Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of District Council 16 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) after 28 years of dedicated service to its members.

Doug has lived and worked in the San Francisco Bay Area and has made great contributions to the strength of our middle class and the Bay Area economy. He has many achievements to be proud of and deserves our commendation and public recognition for his service and his leadership in his union and in his community.

Doug was elected as an Executive Board Member At-Large to the Glaziers Local 1621 in 1984. With his election to President in 1985, he established the union's Defense Fund. Doug Christopher served the members of Local 1621 from 1997 to 1999 in various capacities and provided expert advice and leadership in advancing and defending the rights of working men and women.

Highly regarded in the labor community for his expertise and longstanding record of accomplishments, Doug was elected as Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer for District Council 16 in 2007.

It is appropriate at this time to commend Doug Christopher on his outstanding record of union and civic leadership and extend our sincere best wishes for a rewarding and gratifying retirement.

America is strongest when its middle class and working men and women are strong, and Doug has every right to be proud of the work he has done to make our country strong.

**HONORING JACQUES ALEXANDER
MARQUIS MATTHEWS**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable 22-year-old young man from Shaw, Mississippi. Jacques Alexander Marquis Matthews has answered the call of duty to his country and is currently serving as an active soldier in the Mississippi National Guard stationed in Afghanistan.

Specialist Matthews comes from a lineage filled with military servicemen and women. His paternal grandfather, Mr. William Carter, is a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Air Force; his maternal uncle, Mr. James Attaway, served in the United States Marines; and his mother, Ramona Matthews, had just enlisted in the United States Army when she learned she was pregnant with her first child, Jacques.

Specialist Matthews was raised in a single parent home by his mother, Ramona, along with his two younger brothers, Chauncey and Malik. Specialist Matthews understood the pain of his mother as she struggled to provide for them and the reproach of his grandparents, William and Alicestean Carter and Susie Matthews. As his mother's oldest child, much was expected of him and he wanted to fulfill those expectations. But like many other young men, what appears to be quick and easy was tempting. And sometimes he was prey to those temptations. In fact he said and I quote, "my mother was more determined than me—for me to succeed. So, she snatched me from that wrong path and told me my life had three paths it could take and I had to choose one right then, college, military, or she was going

to commit a homicide and that's all I needed to know. Needless to say, I chose the military."

Mr. Speaker, Specialist Matthews has a litany of highlights during his military career including:

In 2008: Specialist Matthews enlisted in the Mississippi National Guard.

August 2008–October 2008: Specialist Matthews did his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

October 2008: Specialist Matthews completed his basic training. He was recognized during graduation for having scored a perfect 300 on the physical fitness portion of the training.

July 10, 2010–July 31, 2010: Specialist Matthews was a member of the 2089th Vertical Company, 223rd Engineer Battalion. He received the Army Achievement Medal for his Superior and Unflinching Support of his unit.

November 6, 2010: Specialist Matthews was honored with the Commanders Award for scoring 297 on the Annual Army Physical Fitness Test while he was a member of the 223rd Engineer Battalion.

November 7, 2010: Specialist Matthews while in the 168th Engineer Brigade received the Silver Castle Challenge Certificate of Achievement for having completed the Army Physical Fitness test with a score of 297. He was recognized for distinguishing himself by his excellent conditioning. He is truly to be commended for the accomplishment and deserving of the recognition for his sacrifice and self-discipline.

May 2011: Specialist Matthews was in the 2089th Vertical Construction Company when he was honored with the Army Meritorious Achievement Medal for his selfless service, loyalty and honor, dedication and integrity as an example for all to follow for his significant contribution to the success of his unit and the Mississippi Army National Guard.

October 2011–November 2011: Specialist Matthews received the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his superior physical ability during the annual training while assigned to Detachment 1 of the 2089th Vertical Construction Company.

May 7, 2012: Specialist Matthews' unit, the 2089th Vertical Construction Company, 223rd Engineer Battalion was activated to Afghanistan.

I want Specialist Matthews' story to serve as one of encouragement to those who think there is no hope for change and to those who prejudice someone because of their circumstances. Specialist Matthews has expressed great interest in building an exciting career in the military answering the call at home and abroad whenever and wherever he is needed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Specialist Jacques Alexander Marquis Matthews, from the Second Congressional District of Mississippi, now serving as a member of the Mississippi National Guard currently stationed in Afghanistan. As he so proudly represents the United States, I too am proud to represent him as a Member of Congress. I wish him a continued rewarding military career and a safe return home to the United States.

THE NEED FOR A SPECIAL ENVOY
TO ADVOCATE FOR RELIGIOUS
MINORITIES IN THE MIDDLE
EAST AND SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I am joining with my colleague Rep. ANNA G. ESHOO in re-introducing legislation to create a special envoy position at the State Department to advocate on behalf of vulnerable religious minorities in the Middle East and South Central Asia.

In countries like Iraq and Egypt, ancient Christian communities are being driven from the lands they have inhabited for centuries. In Iran, Baha'is are imprisoned and some cases executed simply because of their faith. In Pakistan, Ahmadi graves are desecrated. In Afghanistan, a country where America has sacrificed greatly in both blood and treasure, the most basic right to freedom of religion or belief is not recognized in the constitution. This is but a snap shot of the grave challenges facing these communities.

If the international community fails to speak out, the prospects for religious pluralism and tolerance in the region are bleak.

Last Congress the House, to its credit, overwhelmingly passed, by a vote of 402–20, bipartisan legislation, H.R. 440, to create a special envoy position at the State Department charged with focusing on the plight of religious minorities in these regions. Sadly, in the face of State Department opposition, the Senate failed to act.

There is a historic precedent for special envoys—including the Sudan special envoy and the North Korea human rights special envoy—whose positions were created in response to an urgent need for focused attention on a critical issue. The dire challenges facing Coptic Christians, Baha'is, Chaldo-Assyrians, Ahmadis, the small remaining Jewish population and countless other religions minorities throughout the Middle East and South Central Asia is surely such an issue.

While there is no guarantee that a special envoy will be able to single-handedly solve the problem, it certainly cannot hurt to have a high-level person within the State Department bureaucracy who is exclusively focused on the protection and preservation of these ancient communities. Such an envoy would send an important message to both our own foreign policy establishment and to suffering communities in the Middle East and elsewhere that religious freedom is a priority—that America will be a voice for the voiceless.

President Reagan once said that the U.S. Constitution is “a covenant that we have made not only with ourselves, but with all of mankind.” I believe the United States has an obligation to speak out for the voiceless around the world and urge my colleagues to join me cosponsoring this critical legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD
WALSH, PRESIDENT OF THE
DUTCH KILLS CIVIC ASSOCIA-
TION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Gerald “Jerry” Walsh, outgoing President of the Dutch Kills Civic Association. Mr. Walsh has been involved with the organization since 1986, and has served with distinction as its President for ten years.

Mr. Walsh has lived in Astoria and Long Island City for his entire life. A proud graduate of Long Island City High School, he has always been passionate about serving and improving his community. In 1975, Jerry married his wife, Diane Hopkins, and is the proud father of two daughters, Dawn and Crystal, and has recently become a grandfather. Mr. Walsh has worked for the City of New York—Financial Information Services for 35 years in the Department of Computer Operations. He is currently the shift manager of Computer Operations Hardware.

His passion for the betterment of his community has been a lifetime commitment. He volunteered with the Dutch Kills Civic Association for the first time in 1986, and became a board member in 1989. He became its Vice President in 1993, and President in 2003. He has been the Deputy Chief of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) since January 2006, has served as the President of the Parents Association for Long Island City High School, and is a former member of the 114th Civilian Observation Patrol (Civ-OP). On November 29, 2012, the Central Astoria Local Development Coalition presented Mr. Walsh with the “Community Leadership Award” in recognition of his outstanding service.

The Dutch Kills Civic Association was created in 1979 to promote a greater awareness of the community among elected officials and government agencies. Dutch Kills is a neighborhood bounded by 34th Avenue on the north, on the south by Bridge Plaza North, on the east by Northern Boulevard, and on the west by 21st Street. The Association's goal is to assist all segments of the community and to support cooperation between business and residents.

Under Mr. Walsh's leadership, the Dutch Kills Civic Association has flourished. Mr. Walsh strongly believes in the power of community involvement and civic engagement. As the neighborhood has become increasingly residential, the number of retail establishments has grown and the area has become a mecca for tourists with many new hotels. The Dutch Kills Civic Association has made extraordinary contributions to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. These efforts include supporting a massive rezoning project, making crime reports, improving sanitation, keeping a watchful eye on nightclubs, and successfully fighting the closure of Fire Engine Company #261. Additionally, Dutch Kills has sponsored children's shows at the Dutch Kills Playground and street fairs on 36th Avenue, and been involved with the organization of the New York City Marathon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary contributions that Mr. Walsh has made to the communities of Astoria and Long Island City. Mr. Walsh has truly brought about positive changes in the community he loves. His lifetime of service and dedication to civic life has greatly benefited his neighbors and the city of New York.

RECOGNIZING VILLAGE ADMINIS-
TRATOR ED VANVICKLE AND
MAYOR ERIC SANDINE OF
LITHOPOLIS, OHIO

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Village Administrator Ed VanVickle and Mayor Eric Sandine of Lithopolis, Ohio, for their heroic efforts to fix a water main break that left half of the village without water.

In most cities, a water main break would mean hiring someone else to fix it, but in Lithopolis, Mayor Sandine has made unconventional, but necessary, cuts to save money. Now he and Mr. VanVickle roll up their sleeves and do the dirty work themselves, even though it is not part of their job descriptions. With no more than household plumbing experience, these men were able to fix the water main break in freezing temperatures.

On top of fixing the water lines, these men, along with the village's maintenance crew, fix sewer lines and pot holes. They even go as far as operating snow plows and the water treatment plant.

These two men represent what it means to be a true leader. They do not do this extra work for money or recognition. Instead, they do what is best for their community because it is what they believe is the right thing to do.

I would again like commend Ed VanVickle and Eric Sandine for their heroic efforts and their incredible leadership in the Village of Lithopolis.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DR. CARL
EVERETT DRAKE, SR.

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Carl Everett Drake, Sr. who died peacefully of natural causes at his home in Sacramento on December 27, 2012. He was 99.

Carl Drake was born on August 21, 1913 in Neptune New Jersey, the second son of James and Lucy Bingham Drake. Carl was educated in the public schools where he was an outstanding student, and even better multisport athlete. His state high school long jump mark of 21'10" stood for over 25 years. His talents brought him to the attention of coaches from Morgan State College in Baltimore, MD the top ranked college football program available to African American players in the 1930s. His combination of size, speed and ferocity won him a starting spot on the championship football team. At 6'1" and 205 lbs., huge at the time, he was a bruising, standout guard, playing both offense and defense. The

team went undefeated for his entire career. He was team captain, had the honor of wearing jersey number one, and held the team ball in the national championship photos.

At Morgan he was active in several student organizations, including the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, which he joined in 1933. He began dating an attractive and studious coed who worked as the Dean's secretary, even joining the glee club to demonstrate to her his "softer" side. Carl and Beatrice Hayes were married in September 1937. They settled in Baltimore, she began work as a social worker, and he, having left school after football a few credits short of graduation, took a job in the post office. Professional football was not available, but his training made him valuable at handling mail sacks. Two children Carl Jr. (1939) and Beatrice (1940) followed, along with a chronic back injury that led to a job shift that relied more on his college schooling than his strength. Ruled out of active military service due to his back injury, he re-enrolled in school to complete his college degree, and in 1944, at the urging of Bea, applied to medical school. He could not attend the segregated University of Maryland, but under the "separate but equal" concept of Jim Crow laws, the state of Maryland instead paid his tuition to attend Meharry Medical College, in Nashville Tennessee, one of the two medical schools in the county to educate more than the occasional person of color.

He moved to Nashville to begin study, working an 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. graveyard shift as a hospital orderly to save enough money to send for his wife and family, which he was able to do by 1946. He finished Meharry in 1949, and moved to New York City to begin internship at Harlem Hospital. He had wanted to return to Baltimore, but the city hospital there paid interns \$15 per month with free room. Harlem paid \$50 per month, enough to rent a one bedroom apartment for the family. After internship, and a new baby (Michael 1950), The family moved across the George Washington Bridge to Englewood, New Jersey. Carl began his life as a working physician with a grueling schedule that consisted of steady employment in the ER at Harlem hospital, graveyard shift, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., followed by a junior partnership in a local New York physician's office from 9 to noon, then home to Jersey to sleep, dinner at 6, and then a few private patients seen in a room converted to a makeshift medical office in the house until 9, before returning to work for the 11 p.m. shift in Harlem. When asked later about this level of commitment he replied that he was mainly "grateful for a chance to actually work".

This schedule was of course unsustainable, and a fascination with the newly emerging field of psychiatry led him to, at 40, begin training in psychiatry at Graystone State Hospital. During residency he continued his home office practice after dinner to help support a family that had grown to four children with the addition of Barry in 1952. In 1957, after completing residency he looked nationally, and made the bold decision to move to Sacramento to join a newly burgeoning state mental health system. Prior to this no one in the family had ever been west of Tennessee. Arriving in Sacramento in July 1958, he worked for the state during the day, and as had always been the case set up a small private practice in rented space in the evenings. Fi-

nancial obligations included supporting a son in college and stiff mortgage payment on a modern house in an upscale, and for the first time integrated, neighborhood.

In Sacramento Carl and Bea joined a small circle of middle class African Americans, who had also moved west to make a new life. A handful of doctors, lawyers, a defense contractor, and a funeral home owner formed a social group anchored by the "Couples Club", which met on Saturdays once a month for a rotating house party. There were also civic activities like the Lions Club, competitive chess, and the NAACP, as well as the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. The names of these pioneers: Colley, Jones, Morris, Morrissey, Nance, Rutland, Stewart, Trent, West, and a few others, are now a part of Sacramento history. In 1967 a reduction in state supported mental health services affected clinics, including the Sacramento branch where Carl was Chief of Psychiatry. The new Medicare and Medicaid programs made private practice more viable for physicians caring for low income patients. He converted to full time private practice, and the late 1960s and 1970s became a time of relative prosperity. A pool was added to the backyard, and Carl learned, for the first time, to swim. He remained health conscious, and he and Bea were in the pool everyday from May to October until they were both in their 90s.

With the children finally grown and on their own Carl and Bea travelled—Alaska, Mexico, Hawaii and Scandinavia were highlights—entertained friends, and watched their ever expanding cadre of grandchildren and great grandchildren grow. Bea retired in 1975, but Carl kept his active practice going, seeing patients five days a week until he was 90. Bea suffered from mild macular degeneration and progressive Alzheimer's disease, ultimately requiring full time supervision. Carl closed his practice—regretfully—to come home to care for her. He moved from many patients to just one. They continued to play backgammon as long as she could, exercised in the pool, and when that was no longer safe took walks around the courtyard, until Bea passed away in March 2008. They had been married for just over 70 years.

In the months following Bea's death Carl, now 94, began a series of home refurbishing projects including a new roof and painting inside and out. His oldest grandson John, a professional house painter, came north to help, and ultimately moved in to help manage the house and yard. In August 2008 Carl renewed his medical license and his driver's license as he put it "just in case". He became active in his fraternity once again. He did a few legal consultations in 2009, and then with John to type reports on the new computer, began seeing patients again, on a regular basis, working for the State of California as he had when he moved to Sacramento in 1958, this time doing disability evaluations. He pulled the office shingle bearing the name "Carl E. Drake, Sr. MD" from the garage (the same shingle used at the house in New Jersey 60 years ago) and mounted it near the back door. The kitchen table became his consultation office. He scheduled a light but steady stream of patients, three or four a week. He saw his last patient on December 12, 2012, before taking a break for the holidays. New visits were on the books for January 2013.

On December 26th all four of his children, along with five grandchildren and two daugh-

ters-in-law visited without fanfare for a traditional post-Christmas gathering. He was in great spirits, holding court, albeit with less energy than usual. On the 27th after a light dinner he walked into the living room to sit in his favorite easy chair and watch a few bowl games. He dosed off, never to wake again.

Dr. Carl Drake left this life as he lived it, with great dignity and grace. He came through the depression, was an All-American athlete, educated himself, raised a family, and was an active working psychiatrist until the very last days of a life that spanned the 20th century and more. He was calm, open, and cheerful, always. His physical stature was imposing, but his gentle steadfastness and serenity were the traits that made him a joy to be with. He never raised his voice; he never needed to. He was universally admired, respected, and loved. He is survived by four children, 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 16 great-great grandchildren, and thousands of patients. He lived to see his 100th Christmas; he leaves the world a better place.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to the passing of my mother and was not present for rollcall votes on Thursday, January 3, 2013 and Friday, January 4, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner: rollcall Vote No. 2—Election of the Speaker—Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi; rollcall Vote No. 3—On motion to table the motion to refer, H. Res. 5, "Adopting rules for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress"—no; rollcall Vote No. 4—On ordering the previous question, H. Res. 5, "Adopting rules for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress"—no; rollcall Vote No. 5—On motion to commit with instructions, H. Res. 5, "Adopting rules for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress."—yes; rollcall Vote No. 6—On agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 5, "Adopting rules for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress."—no; and rollcall Vote No. 7—To suspend the rules and pass H.R. 41, "To temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program."—yes.

RECOGNIZING JEFFERSON THORNTON

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituents, Jefferson Thornton of Ogdensburg, NY, for his heroic actions on the morning of November 12, 2012.

A retired fire captain on leave from Afghanistan for the holidays, he was sick and unable to sleep at 3 a.m. that morning. Going outside, he noticed the home of Brandy Middlemiss collecting smoke. Moving quickly into action, he successfully alerted Brandy and her two children, Patrick and Lynzee, guiding them safely away from the fire.

In doing so, Jefferson demonstrated great bravery, instinct and skill when he saved the lives of Brandy, Patrick and Lynzee. For his efforts, Jefferson was awarded the New York State Senate Liberty medal, one of the highest civilian honors a New Yorker can receive.

His actions are nothing short of heroic, demonstrating the best in our citizenry through selflessness and courage. I stand with everyone in the community thanking him for this selfless act and his continued commitment to public service and to serving this country.

**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO CREATE A PERMANENT INSPECTOR
GENERAL FOR THE METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY**

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation that would create a permanent inspector general for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA).

My bill would amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 by creating a special post with the sole duty of providing long term oversight of MWAA. Only the U.S. Secretary of Transportation can appoint and remove the IG and no additional action from any jurisdiction on the state or local level is required for this position to be established. In addition, MWAA would be required to pay for the IG using its revenues, not taxpayer dollars.

I am reintroducing this legislation because I believe that due to the continued growth of the Dulles corridor, the Dulles rail project is the most important transportation project in the Commonwealth. It must be completed on time and at, or under, budget.

I appreciate Secretary Ray LaHood appointing an accountability officer to monitor the MWAA, but it is clear this entity, which is responsible for overseeing the entire construction of the Dulles rail project, requires a permanent IG to provide long term oversight of its actions.

**A TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLES
CHRESTMAN**

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Charles Chrestman, of Lumberton, North Carolina, for his commitment and service to his community. Dr. Chrestman retired from his position as President of Robeson Community College on December 31, 2012, but his legacy of dedicated leadership in education will stay strong for generations to come. Dr. Chrestman has not only been a steward to higher education in Robeson County, but a trusted advisor and dear friend.

Dr. Chrestman's colleagues acknowledge the remarkable progress the college has made during his decade of service as President. During his tenure, Dr. Chrestman worked to reaffirm Robeson Community College's status

as a nationally accredited institution. He also helped oversee the creation of three new buildings on campus: a Continuing Education building, a Health Science building, and a Workforce Development Center. Two others were completely renovated. The College also landed one of the state's NCCCS Biotechnology Network regional centers that now serves a statewide role in advancing bio-agriculture.

Dr. Chrestman's dream was to see all graduates become productive laborers within the community and the great state of North Carolina. During his tenure, Robeson Community College began offering the ACT's WorkKeys Assessment, which leads to a Career Readiness Certificate. Today, Robeson County ranks in the top three among the state's 100 counties with more than 5,000 individuals holding the certificate. These and many other accomplishments are a testament to Dr. Chrestman's leadership.

I am personally grateful to Dr. Chrestman for his service as Chairman of my Education Advisory Committee, a small group of education leaders from the seventh congressional district of North Carolina who regularly meet to discuss education issues affecting our communities. His leadership in this capacity has been invaluable to me, and I will remain thankful.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Charles Chrestman's forty years in higher education as he retires as President of Robeson Community College. His long record of public service will continue to benefit the students and citizens of Robeson County and beyond.

**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, On January 3, 2009, the day I took office, the national debt was \$10,627,961,295,930.67.

Today, it is \$16,432,643,996,680.64. We've added \$5,804,682,700,749.97 to our debt in 4 years. This is a \$5.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a Balanced Budget Amendment. We must stop this unconscionable accumulation of debt.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW
COLUMBIA ADMISSION ACT**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the New Columbia Admission Act. The residents of our nation's capital are and always have been citizens of the United States. Yet they are the only taxpaying Americans who are not treated as full and equal citizens. The only way for them to obtain the citizenship rights they are entitled to is through the same statehood used by other Americans. Therefore, I am introducing the New Columbia Admission Act to create a state from essentially the eight home-town wards of the District

of Columbia. This 51st state, however, would have no jurisdiction over the federal territory, or enclave that now consists of the Washington that Members of Congress and visitors associate with the capital of our country. The U.S. Capitol premises, the principal federal monuments, federal buildings and grounds, the National Mall and other federal property here would remain under federal jurisdiction. Our bill provides that the State of New Columbia would be equal to the other fifty states in all respects. Consequently, residents of New Columbia would have all the rights of citizenship they are entitled to as taxpaying American citizens, including two senators and, initially, one House member.

Just as the New Columbia Admission Act was the first bill I introduced after I was first sworn in as a Member of Congress in the 102nd Congress in 1991, this is my first bill in the 113th Congress. Our first try for statehood received significant support in the House. In 1993, we got the first and only vote on statehood for the District, with nearly 60% of Democrats and one Republican voting for the New Columbia Admission Act. The Senate held a hearing on its companion bill, introduced by Senator Ted Kennedy, but the committee of jurisdiction did not proceed further. Although this start was encouraging, soon thereafter, the District, which is the only U.S. city that pays for state functions, found it necessary to ask the federal government to take over the costs of some state functions, posing fiscal barriers to entry into the Union on an equal basis, and in addition, the Democrats lost control of the House. The District of Columbia recognizes that it can enter the Union only on an equal basis and is prepared to do so. I then introduced the second best option available, a bill for Senate and House representation for D.C., and later, when Republicans controlled the House, a bill for a House vote. Because these bills had strong support from Democrats, I will introduce them again as well, but with the understanding that residents will never stop short of their full citizenship rights and, therefore, of statehood.

The final analysis is that we have no alternative. To be content with less than statehood is to concede the equality of citizenship that is the birthright of our residents as citizens of the United States. It is too late for the residents of the District of Columbia to make such a concession as we approach the 212th year in our fight for equal treatment in our country. This bill is the first I file in the 113th Congress, and it reaffirms our determination to obtain each and every right enjoyed by citizens of the United States by becoming the 51st State of the Union.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was unable to be in Washington, D.C. for the votes that occurred on January 3, 2013 and January 4, 2013 and was not sworn in as a Member of Congress until January 14, 2013. As a result, I missed the votes listed below. I regret missing these votes but it was necessary to be in Portland

for my family. Had I been in Washington, D.C., I would have voted as follows:

H. Resolution 5: A resolution providing for the House Rules of the 113th Congress

I would have voted no on H. Res. 5. The House Rules package maintains the House of Representative's discriminatory stance on the Defense of Marriage Act, which I have opposed, restricts the District of Columbia's electoral representation, prohibits the House of Representatives from acting on health care recommendations from a nonpartisan scientific panel, and supports the partisan and unnecessary attacks on Attorney General Eric Holder.

H.R. 41: To temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the National Flood Insurance Program

I would have voted yes on H.R. 41. To limit the danger of future storms, it is important to ensure the careful reconstruction of areas damaged by Hurricane Sandy. That effort will take many years, however, and should not unnecessarily limit access to resources provided by the National Flood Insurance Program. I support the increased lending authority to that program to ensure adequate support to victims of Hurricane Sandy.

H.R. 219: Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013

I would have voted to approve this legislation, which combines several changes the House had previously supported to improve recovery projects for Hurricane Sandy.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation to reduce the size of the board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, MWAA, and provide Virginia a clear majority of the seats, given that both Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Reagan, and Washington Dulles International Airport, Dulles, are located in Virginia.

The health of the airports and the Dulles Metrorail Extension project have an enormous impact on northern Virginia. I have often said that the Dulles corridor is the "main street" of Virginia. The number of businesses that have chosen to locate in this region is a testament to the strength of the airports and the services it provides as a hub for national and international travel. The success of the Dulles corridor, northern Virginia and the entire Commonwealth depend on MWAA being able to capably run the airports and the rail project.

I firmly believe that it is in the best interest of Virginia residents for the Commonwealth to have a majority of seats on the MWAA board to ensure that the airports continue to thrive, Dulles Rail is completed successfully and the Dulles Corridor will continue to be the economic engine of not only the National Capital Region, but the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. I stand ready to work with all interested

parties to make sure that both the airports and the Dulles Rail project are successful.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN
JEWISH COMMITTEE NEW YORK
2012 WOMEN OF VALOR MARLENE
ALTMAN, JOAN DEAN, JO RENEE
FINE, JUDITH O'NEILL AND AN-
DREA PASTOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to five extraordinary women being honored at the American Jewish Committee, AJC, New York's 2012 Woman of Valor event. This year, AJC New York is awarding Marlene Altman, Joan Dean, Jo Renee Fine, Judith O'Neill, and Andrea Pastor with this outstanding distinction. All of the honorees have made important contributions in their personal and professional lives to the vital mission of AJC to advocate for the security of Jewish people around the world.

Marlene Altman studied mathematics at the University of Colorado, and spent her early career working for the U.S. Bureau of the Census. After moving to New York in 1983, Ms. Altman became CBS News Director of Election Operations. Political and cultural activism has always been central in her life. In 1993, Ms. Altman moved to St. Louis with her husband Murray, where she earned a Masters degree in Political Science and became involved in the AJC, the Jewish Community Center, JCC, and other arts and cultural organizations. She has continued been active in AJC and UJA since returning to New York City in 2002.

I am proud to see that Joan Dean is being honored as a Woman of Valor. Ms. Dean is a strong community leader who served as my Finance Director from 2006–2008. She has been active in politics and fundraising for most of her career, much of which she spent in California. She is a board member of AJC New York and co-chair of the National Outreach and Advocacy Committee. Ms. Dean has shown extraordinary leadership in Jewish organizations for many years. She founded an Upstate New York Hadassah chapter, was Vice President of the Upper New York State Region of Hadassah, and served as President of the AJC Board in San Diego, CA. Ms. Dean is the proud mother of Lisa and Amy Cohen and loving grandmother to five grandchildren.

Jo Renee Fine is a renowned educator and photographer who has 35 years of experience in private and public sectors advising organizations on web and print communication. Dr. Fine has published two photo-documentary books: *The Synagogues of New York's Lower East Side* and a more recent edition with the same title. Dr. Fine is on the AJC New York Regional Board of Directors for which she chairs the Interreligious and Intergroup Relations Committee. She is also a member of the AJC National Board of Governors, Co-chair of Project People Foundation, and Vice President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. Dr. Fine and her husband, Dr. Edward Trieber, are proud parents to their daughter, Jessica.

Judith O'Neill is an attorney with 37 years of experience in the telecommunications and en-

ergy sector. She has done consulting work in more than 85 countries and throughout the developing world. In her role as Surgeons of Hope Board member, she is working with the Nicaraguan government to develop a Pediatric Cardiac Surgical Center for children in Managua. Ms. O'Neill is an active member of both AJC-New York Region and the national AJC Board, where she chairs the Energy Steering Committee.

Andrea Pastor spent her career in the information technology sector working as Chief of Management Information Services for the Bureau of Drugs and as a securities law attorney in New York City. After retiring, she became involved in AJC chapters across the country. Ms. Pastor served as President of AJC-Milwaukee and AJC-Palm Beach chapters. She was also President and Chair of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation Women's Division Political Awareness program and held leadership positions in philanthropic organizations, such as the American Heart Association. Ms. Pastor is on the AJC-New York Board and Executive Committee, and co-chairs the Region's Immigration Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these truly inspiring Women of Valor who are all outstanding leaders in the Jewish community and New York City at large.

IN HONOR OF JAMES GILBERT,
PRESIDENT, FRATERNAL ORDER
OF POLICE CAPITOL CITY LODGE
NO. 9

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, my colleague Congressman STEVE STIVERS and I are pleased to congratulate James Gilbert upon the completion of his service as president of the Fraternal Order of Police.

For the past six years, the citizens of the Greater Columbus area and the law enforcement officers of the Columbus Police Department have received unparalleled service and leadership from Jim Gilbert. His dedication has been illustrated through his many hospital visits to every officer injured in the line of duty and his commitment to personally coaching officers through the emotional process associated with using their weapons in the line of duty.

Jim Gilbert's talents are so well respected that even the most contentious issues between his membership and the city of Columbus have been resolved with no disruption to department operations. His tenure saw no layoffs of personnel in spite of hard economic circumstances. He has often been called upon to aid other officers and/or their families in tragic circumstances and received great praise for his attention to the needs of injured or fallen comrades.

The Fraternal Order of Police will miss Jim Gilbert's presence and influence, but will continue to rely on his continued service as a patrolman in his new assignment. His legacy will remain with the officers he has mentored, and Franklin County residents can rest assured knowing their streets will be under his watch as he returns to his duties as an officer.

We offer our best wishes to Jim Gilbert and his family during this transition in his career.

May he enjoy many years of success and happiness as he continues his service protecting our communities in the Columbus area.

HONORING JDANNY COOPER

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to have this opportunity to recognize the distinguished career and civic accomplishments of JDanny Cooper on the occasion of his retirement as the Executive Vice President of the Alabama Association of REALTORS.

If there are three words that one would associate with JDanny, they would be service, integrity, and friendship. These qualities have helped him to be successful in all of his fields of endeavor and, in turn, have made the individuals and organizations that he has worked for successful in their own right.

JDanny was named AAR's Executive Vice President in 1989 and developed a reputation for providing steady and wise leadership and promoting responsible home ownership. JDanny's advocacy of high standards and ethical practices has benefited countless homeowners throughout the State of Alabama, creating stronger neighborhoods and communities.

In 2002 and again in 2005, JDanny served as the first Association Executive appointed as a Committee Liaison by the President of the National Association of REALTORS. He has made presentations to 17 state associations to share successes achieved by the AAR. His contributions were honored nationally in 2004 when he was inducted into the Dr. Almon R. (Bud) Smith Association Executive Leadership Society.

As a citizen, JDanny has always believed in one's civic duty to actively participate in our governing process. He has served as a member of the Governor's cabinet, as the State Director for a United States Senator, as the executive director of a state political party, and as a state manager for a presidential campaign.

Education has been another of JDanny's enduring passions. JDanny holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History as well as a Masters of Education degree in Administration from the University of Montevallo. A former schoolteacher and director of a university's Veterans Affairs office, JDanny was named the University of Montevallo's Alumnus of the Year in 2003 and currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

JDanny gives his time to many professional boards and organizations, including the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Center for Real Estate, the Business Association's Tax Coalition, the Business Council of Alabama, and the Alabama Civil Justice Reform Commission. He is a member of the American Society of Association Executives. A volunteer fundraiser for the American Village, he is the Governor's Representative on the American Village Cornerstone of Liberty Commission.

JDanny would be the first to credit his success to the support of his loving family. He and his wife Dianne have two sons, Jay and Robin, and two wonderful granddaughters, Caroline and Ella Kate, through Jay and his wife Susan. In March, Robin will marry the love of his life, Morgan Hightower.

There are not many people you can think of that are known by their first name alone, but JDanny Cooper is one of them. He has achieved that distinction by being a listener, a leader, and a source of inspiration for the many privileged to know him. It is fitting and proper to have JDanny's contributions to the State of Alabama and our country recorded in the annals of the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I missed roll-call vote No. 7 on January 4, 2013. I was attending the opening of an orphanage in Haiti established in honor of my constituent, Britney

Gengel, who died in the 2010 earthquake, and I was unable to attend votes on that day. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 41.

EXCERPTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following excerpts from the Constitution.

ARTICLE I

"Section 8. The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States . . ."

AMENDMENT I

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

AMENDMENT XIII

"Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

"Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

THE 14TH AMENDMENT XIV SECTION 1

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."